

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 183, answered “present” 1, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 657]

YEAS—224

Abraham	Franks (AZ)	Napolitano
Adams	Frelinghuysen	Newhouse
Aderholt	Gabbard	Noem
Allen	Gianforte	Norman
Arrington	Gibbs	Nunes
Bacon	Gonzalez (TX)	O'Rourke
Banks (IN)	Goodlatte	Olson
Barletta	Gottheimer	Pascarell
Barton	Gowdy	Perlmutter
Beatty	Granger	Pingree
Bilirakis	Grothman	Polis
Bishop (MI)	Guthrie	Posey
Bishop (UT)	Hanabusa	Ratcliffe
Black	Handel	Rice (SC)
Blackburn	Harper	Roby
Blumenauer	Harris	Roe (TN)
Blunt Rochester	Hartzler	Rogers (KY)
Bonamici	Heck	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Hensarling	Rooney, Thomas J.
Brat	Higgins (LA)	Rosen
Brooks (AL)	Higgins (NY)	Ross
Brooks (IN)	Himes	Rothfus
Brown (MD)	Hollingsworth	Royce (CA)
Buchanan	Huffman	Ruppersberger
Bucshon	Hultgren	Rush
Bustos	Jeffries	Russell
Butterfield	Johnson (GA)	Scalise
Byrne	Johnson (LA)	Schiff
Calvert	Johnson, E. B.	Schneider
Carson (IN)	Johnson, Sam	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Kaptur	Scott (VA)
Cartwright	Kelly (MS)	Scott, David
Chabot	Kelly (PA)	Sensenbrenner
Cheney	Kildee	Sessions
Chu, Judy	King (IA)	Shea-Porter
Cicilline	King (NY)	Sherman
Clay	Krishnamoorthi	Shimkus
Cole	Kuster (NH)	Shuster
Collins (NY)	Kustoff (TN)	Smith (NE)
Comer	Labrador	Smith (NJ)
Comstock	LaMalfa	Smith (TX)
Cook	Lamborn	Smith (WA)
Cooper	Larsen (WA)	Speier
Courtney	Latta	Stefanik
Cramer	Lewis (MN)	Stivers
Crawford	Lipinski	Suozi
Culberson	Long	Takano
Cummings	Loudermilk	Taylor
Curtis	Love	Thornberry
Davidson	Lowey	Tiberi
Davis (CA)	Lucas	Titus
Davis, Danny	Luetkemeyer	Torres
DeGette	Lujan Grisham,	Trott
DeLauro	M.	Tsongas
DelBene	Luján, Ben Ray	Turner
Demings	Maloney,	Upton
DeSaulnier	Carolyn B.	Vela
DesJarlais	Marino	Wagner
Deutch	Massie	Walden
Diaz-Balart	McCarthy	Walker
Dingell	McCaul	Walorski
Doggett	McClintock	Walters, Mimi
Donovan	McCollum	Wasserman
Doyle, Michael	McEachin	Schultz
F.	McHenry	Waters, Maxine
Duncan (SC)	McMorris	Webster (FL)
Duncan (TN)	Rodgers	Welch
Dunn	McNerney	Wenstrup
Ellison	Meadows	Williams
Engel	Meng	Wilson (FL)
Eshoo	Mitchell	Wilson (SC)
Estes (KS)	Moolenaar	Wittman
Ferguson	Mooney (WV)	Womack
Fleischmann	Moulton	Yarmuth
Fortenberry	Mullin	Young (IA)
Foster	Murphy (FL)	
Frankel (FL)	Nadler	

NAYS—183

Aguilar	Graves (MO)	Pallone
Amash	Green, Al	Palmer
Babin	Green, Gene	Panetta
Barr	Hastings	Paulsen
Barragán	Herrera Beutler	Pearce
Bass	Hice, Jody B.	Perry
Bera	Hill	Peters
Bergman	Holding	Peterson
Beyer	Hoyer	Pittenger
Biggs	Hudson	Poe (TX)
Bishop (GA)	Huizenga	Poliquin
Blum	Hunter	Price (NC)
Bost	Hurd	Raskin
Boyle, Brendan	Issa	Reed
F.	Jackson Lee	Reichert
Brady (PA)	Jayapal	Renacci
Buck	Jenkins (KS)	Rice (NY)
Budd	Jenkins (WV)	Richmond
Burgess	Johnson (OH)	Rogers (AL)
Capuano	Jones	Rokita
Carbajal	Jordan	Ros-Lehtinen
Cárdenas	Joyce (OH)	Roskam
Carter (GA)	Katko	Rouzer
Castor (FL)	Keating	Roybal-Allard
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Ruiz
Clarke (NY)	Khanna	Rutherford
Cleaver	Kihuen	Ryan (OH)
Clyburn	Kilmer	Sánchez
Coffman	Kind	Sanford
Cohen	Kinzing	Sarbanes
Collins (GA)	Knight	Schakowsky
Conaway	LaHood	Schrader
Connolly	Lance	Serrano
Correa	Langevin	Sewell (AL)
Costa	Larson (CT)	Sinema
Costello (PA)	Lawrence	Sires
Crist	Lawson (FL)	Smith (MO)
Crowley	Lee	Smucker
Cuellar	Levin	Soto
Davis, Rodney	Lewis (GA)	Swalwell (CA)
DeFazio	Lieu, Ted	Tenney
Delaney	LoBiondo	Thompson (CA)
Denham	Loeb sack	Thompson (MS)
DeSantis	Lofgren	Thompson (PA)
Duffy	Lowenthal	Tipton
Emmer	Lynch	Valadao
Espallat	MacArthur	Vargas
Esty (CT)	Maloney, Sean	Veasey
Evans	Marchant	Velázquez
Farenthold	Marshall	Visclosky
Faso	Mast	Walberg
Fitzpatrick	Matsui	Watson Coleman
Flores	McGovern	Weber (TX)
Foxx	McKinley	Westerman
Fudge	McSally	Woodall
Gallagher	Meehan	Yoder
Gallego	Messer	Yoho
Garamendi	Moore	Young (AK)
Garrett	Nolan	Zeldin
Gomez	Norcross	
Gosar	O'Halleran	
Graves (GA)	Palazzo	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—25

Amodei	Graves (LA)	Pocan
Bridenstine	Griffith	Quigley
Brownley (CA)	Grijalva	Rooney, Francis
Clark (MA)	Gutiérrez	Scott, Austin
Conyers	Kennedy	Simpson
Curbelo (FL)	Meeks	Stewart
Dent	Neal	Walz
Gaetz	Payne	
Gohmert	Pelosi	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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Mr. KIND changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for rollcall votes 655, 656, and 657 on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes 655

and 656, and I would have voted “nay” on rollcall vote 657.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 5, for personal reasons, I was absent and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 655—“Yea.”

Rollcall No. 656—“Yea.”

Rollcall No. 657—“Yea.”

MODIFICATION IN APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1, TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection and pursuant to clause 11 of rule I, the Chair removes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) as a conferee on H.R. 1 and appoints the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) to fill the vacancy.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

ENHANCING VETERAN CARE ACT

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1266) to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1266

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Veteran Care Act”.

SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION OF MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may contract with a nonprofit organization that accredits health care organizations and programs in the United States to investigate a medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs to assess and report deficiencies of the facilities at such medical center.

(b) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTORS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to coordination under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall delegate the authority under subsection (a) to contract for an investigation at a medical center of the Department to the Director of the Veterans Integrated Service Network in which the medical center is located or the director of such medical center.

(2) COORDINATION.—Before entering into a contract under paragraph (1), the Director of a Veterans Integrated Service Network or the director of a medical center, as the case may be, shall notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Comptroller General of the United States for purposes of coordinating any investigation conducted pursuant to such contract with any other investigations that may be ongoing.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed—

(1) to prevent the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs from conducting any review, audit,